



The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies

The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies was established at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in 2010 as a tribute to the life's work in Catholic-Jewish relations of Dr. Richard Lux, Professor of Biblical Studies at Sacred Heart over the course of thirty-seven years. Dr. Lux emerged as an important national voice in promoting understanding and respect between Catholics and Jews. The Lux Center at SHSST is honored to continue his legacy and to do so as the only such center in the world working within the Catholic seminary context of priestly formation.

Our Vision

To strengthen the living relationship between Catholics and the Jewish people.

Our Mission

The Lux Center works to strengthen the living relationship between the Catholics and the Jewish people by equipping seminarians with the tools and knowledge they will need in order to present an accurate understanding of Judaism, to promote a positive understanding of Catholic-Jewish relations, and to engage in interreligious activities in their congregations after ordination. The Lux Center also benefits the larger community by offering programs, lectures, and study materials that promote Catholic-Jewish understanding and dialogue among scholars and the people of Southeastern Wisconsin.

What We Do

The Lux Center — as a program within a seminary — is uniquely positioned to improve interreligious understanding:

- Dedicated faculty position in Jewish studies
- Seminarian study trips in Israel
- Public lectures, seminars and discussions with renowned scholars
- Annual seminary-hosted symposium on Catholic-Jewish relations
- Seminary events recognizing Jewish holidays, liturgy and history
- Speakers' bureau for churches and synagogues
- Provide specialty classes on topics of interest
- Opportunities for interreligious dialogue
- Library with extensive Judaica and interreligious studies collection
- Holocaust resources and commemoration events

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